

Wilmington, Delaware
October 18, 2012

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**Council
Members
Walsh
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Co-Sponsors:

**Council
Members
Robinson
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WHEREAS, Wilmington is in desperate need of good jobs; the poverty rate is almost double the national average, while crime, unemployment, and food stamp usage rates are rising; and

WHEREAS, a lack of good jobs has a negative effect on the community, putting a strain on families, and also draining local government and community resources; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of commercial building owners in Wilmington are doing their part to create good jobs and uphold standards for office cleaners by employing responsible cleaning contractors; and

WHEREAS, Optima Cleaning Systems does not provide good jobs and is eroding standards for commercial office cleaners in Wilmington, paying workers in Wilmington as little as \$7.50 per hour with few, if any, meaningful benefits; and

WHEREAS, A few buildings in downtown Wilmington use Optima Cleaning Systems, including the M&T Bank buildings, the Highmark Delaware building, and buildings owned by Pettinaro Enterprises and Delle Donne & Associates; and

WHEREAS, The Wilmington City Council believes building owners, especially those who have received public monies, should play a supportive role in ensuring that fair standards are maintained for the service workers in their buildings by choosing to employ responsible contractors.

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**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that the Wilmington City Council calls on M&T Bank, Pettinaro
Enterprises, and Delle Donne & Associates to join us in committing to create good jobs in
Wilmington and to strengthen our community by hiring responsible contractors who provide
family-sustaining wages and guarantee access to quality affordable health care.

Passed by City Council,
October 18, 2012

ATTEST: Maribel Seijo
City Clerk

Approved as to form this 15th
day of October, 2012.

John A. Heinrich
City Solicitor